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Depressed Classes.

Assignment of lands to depressed classes in the Coimbatore district.

145 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what is the extent of land set apart near Mettupalaiyam to be distributed among depressed classes on darkhast;

(b) whether it is a fact that the whole darkhast land near Mettupalaiyam has been entrusted to the London Mission Society, Coimbatore, for being distributed to the depressed classes, both Hindus and Christians;

(c) for how many members of the Hindu and Christian depressed classes assignments of darkhast lands were made near Mettupalaiyam and what is the extent of land assigned in each case;

(d) what is the extent of land set apart near Kinattukaduvu, Pollachi taluk, for depressed classes for assignments on darkhast;

(e) how many petitions were received up to this applying for darkhast land set apart near Kinattukaduvu from the members of the depressed as well as other classes;

(f) when the assignments of darkhast land set apart near Kinattukaduvu will be made; and

(g) whether it is a fact that even rich persons who possess lands of their own have applied for darkhast land set apart near Kinattukaduvu?

A.—(a) Two hundred acres in Nellimalai disafforested area in Thekkampatti village, Avanashi taluk.

(b) An extent of 100 acres has been reserved for assignment to depressed classes (non-Christian) and an equal extent to the London Missionary Society on behalf of Christian depressed classes. There is at present no proposal to assign land to the non-Christian members of the depressed classes through the London Missionary Society.

(c) No assignments have yet been made.

(d) An extent of 25 acres has been set apart for depressed classes in Sankarayapuram disafforested area in Sankarayapuram village.

(e) Twenty-nine applications from members of depressed classes, 41 from ex-sepoys and 72 from other classes have been received.

(f) The assignments are expected to be made in about four months.

(g) Yes.

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—“With reference to clause (g) may I know if the darkhast lands have already been assigned and if so to whom and what is the extent?”

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE:—“I want notice of the question.”

Development (Industries).

Malted foods.

146 Q.—Mr. P. PEDDIRAJU: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether any experiments relating to malted foods have been made at the expense of the Government; and

(b) if so, with what result?

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A.—(a) Yes.

(b) For the results obtained at the laboratory of the Agricultural College, Coimbatore, the hon. Member is referred to an extract from the Monthly Digest of the operations of the Agricultural Department for October 1922, quoted by the then Minister for Development in his speech at the meeting of the Council held on the 20th March 1923. Experiments on a larger scale are now in progress at the College, and it is hoped that the results of these will be available shortly.

District Board.

Taluk Board, Salem.

147 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether a candidate, who was defeated at an election to the Salem Taluk Board, was nominated to it and whether he is a relation of the Vice-President of the District Board?

A.—The Government have no information. Members of taluk boards are appointed by the President of the District Board.

Empire Exhibition.

The British Empire Exhibition.

148 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the amount of money to be spent on account of the participation of the Madras Government in the British Empire Exhibition, in employing servants for working in connexion with the Exhibition and to be paid by the Madras Government;

(b) the officer or officers who will employ these servants; and

(c) whether it is understood that all these appointments should be made from amongst the British unemployed?

A.—(a) The expenditure in England on the employment of attendants and other servants in the Madras Court is estimated at Rs. 30,000.

(b) The Special Officer appointed by the Government in connexion with the Exhibition.

(c) There is no such understanding.

Famine.

Certain papers to be laid on the table.

149 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to lay on the table—

(a) the reports of the Collectors of Bellary and Anantapur districts submitted to the Board of Revenue under section 35 (a) of the Madras Famine Code (1905);